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The Challenge of

JAPAN

By WADE H. HORTON

Field Representative

JAPAN, THE "LAND OF THE Rising Sun," is a nation of many queer customs, mysteries and excitements, but it is also a land of opportunity for evangelism, unsurpassed in the annals of religious history. Less than 500,000 of her 85,000,000 population profess Christianity, and this includes Roman Catholics. The vast majority of the people embrace the religion of Buddha, which is empty and meaningless. They have over 8,000,000 gods to which they pay homage, and many worship with a sincerity that would put some professing Christians to shame. It is one thing to read about Buddhism in the dusty pages of history, but it is, entirely, another matter to see a seething mass of humanity, jam-packed and hurrying, pushing, rushing and surging to get to some god made of stone. I wish it were possible to explain what I saw, but it defies explanation. How or why could they be so motivated to worship things made by human hands is beyond finite comprehension. But despite its unreasonableness, they were there that day by the multiplied thousands, and this was only one shrine in one city. Most of the worship was on the outside of the temple; however, a very few were allowed on the inside, probably people of high rank that could pad the palm with more pay.

Upon entering the main part of the courtyard, there is a large metal container that has a bowl-like top into which the throngs toss hundreds of sticks of incense. One man is kept busy sweeping up the incense that misses the bowl, and also in keeping the more devout ones out of the fire. They put their hands into the blaze and rub them on an aching or diseased spot, expecting to be healed. Some give the babies on their backs a stick of incense to throw into the fire, and then rub the child, looking for deliverance. The incense dealers, who were situated up and down the streets, some in little stalls, were having a field day; for the worshipers were plentiful, and many thousands of others were pushing their ways closer and closer, eager to buy and to worship. Priests were selling magic rings that would bring prosperity for a whole year, and many other tricks were being played on this gullible crowd. One old man who had (as far as we could tell) only one tooth, was grinding up snakes in a meatgrinder and selling them as a miraculous remedy. The people ate the powdered snakes to be cured of their maladies! There was a cement trough filled with water, and several dippers were floating on top of the water. A continual stream of old and young came by to toss in coins and drink dippers of water which were supposed to bring cleansing to their souls. There were many gods, and around each one were crowded the devout; but one, especially, had a boiling mob of

people around it, pushing and almost fighting to get within reach of it. Some were rubbing its head; others were pouring water on it; others were scrubbing it with some sort of brush, and all were worshipping with a seeming sincerity that was amazing.

AT THE VERY door of the temple, the masses of people were throwing money into a long trough collection box and swinging a hanging rope against a contraption that had a bell-like ring that was supposed to open the ears of the gods and get their attention. Many were clapping their hands and praying. There is no doubt about it, they were praying devoutly and worshipping earnestly as if their very lives depended on the outcome of this lone venture. Several priests were selling prayers written on paper and were doing a landslide business. Those who bought the prayers would take them home and read them several times a day. They could use the same prayer for one year. The movies taken of this scene should serve as a source of enlightenment to our people back home, for I expect to show them in some of the missions rallies.

To see all this makes one soul-sick as he realizes that this did not just happen spontaneously, but it is a result of centuries of careful teaching. The force of this fact pierces one's heavy heart when he sees that it is deeply embedded in their very nature. It is unmistakably plain that it has become an actual part of them. The seeds of Buddhist doctrine have been sown into their systems from generation to generation and are still being manifested in their respect and faithfulness to their religion. You can see some swaying under the spell of it, some rubbing themselves and making queer motions, others clapping their hands and praying, while still others are tossing offerings and buying prayers on paper. One has a feeling in his heart that nothing will ever tear them loose from this powerful superstition but the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Cold calculated Christian teaching will not do it, neither will scientific and intellectual reasonings nor this twentieth-century social system of higher culture and unrealistic Utopianism. They must have a living gospel, one that will reach into their very souls and upset and unseat their false concepts of righteousness. Anything less than this is futile. It will take the miraculous to move them. A powerful Pentecostal witness is a must in moving people such as these.

The Hells are doing a fine job. It was my special privilege to visit with them for a few days, and I can truthfully say that there was never a dull moment. We were continually on the go, which is characteristic of all faith-

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ALASKA...

Our ever faithful Brother and Sister Cowdell in Kotzebue, Alaska, sent us a picture showing Brother Cowdell making a tunnel into the window of the parsonage so he can have some daylight. The snow is piled approximately eighteen feet high and runs out for several hundred feet from the church.



The front view of the church. We had to make steps down in order to get into the church. The bell in the foreground is what we ring before service.



The Eskimo lady is the oldest person in the village and she is 100 years old or over. The planes in the background land on skis on Kotzebue Sound which is frozen over. The Sound is approximately 15 miles across.



Three Eskimo children with their sleds. They are dressed in their parkas and mukleeks, which are their fur boots made of seal and caribou skin, trimmed with fur or calf skin.



This old Eskimo woman has made a hole in the ice and is hooking for "Tom Cod." The weather is around 40 degrees below zero. She comes to Sunday School quite regularly but does not speak or understand very much English.

First Glimpses of the Philippines

By JAMES B. REESOR, *Missionary*

IT WAS WITH MINGLED emotions that we looked upon the city of Manila, for the first time, early in the morning of Monday, March 12, from the *Mandeville* as she lay at anchor in the Manila harbor. Months of patient waiting, preparation and prayer, had passed by since the appointment to the Philippines by our Missions Board had become final. Our voyage of nineteen days and twenty nights duration, in which time we had no glimpse of land, with the exception of one small volcanic island jutting above the surface of the sea, was a new, thrilling and pleasant experience. And now, at last, we are making our home in the Philippine Islands of which we have heard and read so much. This is the area in which we plan to be serving as representatives for our Lord and the Church of God for the next five years, as our Lord enables.

We were elated to recognize the tall dignified form of our highly esteemed Foreign Missions Representative, Brother Wade Horton, awaiting our arrival, as the *Mandeville* moved slowly in to the pier. He was accompanied by Brother F. R. Cortez, our island overseer, Brother Florentino Cortez, who is one of our faithful ministers, and one or two others. Brother Horton had thoughtfully made temporary arrangements for our accommodations in the home of some American missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Funger, who are in charge of the American Bible Society work in the Philippines, graciously provided us with sleeping quarters plus two meals a day for a nominal fee, during the first week of our stay in Manila. By the end of the first week, we were successful in renting a suitable apartment which we plan to occupy until such a time as we are able to secure a more permanent residence in the interior and nearer to our work.

The teeming city of Manila, with her population of over 2,000,000 inhabitants including suburbs, presents to the newcomer many indications of modern progress and development along with lamentable scenes of poverty, want and degradation. As in so many other sections of God's beautiful earth, the wealth is controlled by a few, while multitudes living in their wretched makeshift hovels are hard pressed to sustain life. There are many thousands of unemployed people seeking constantly for any type of work which may offer a few centavos (cents) a day as remuneration for services rendered. They look

upon most Americans as millionaires and would almost give their hearts' blood for the privilege of going to live in America.

Our annual convention was scheduled to convene at one of our churches in the interior of the northern mountain province of Apayao. While en route to the convention, I stopped by to visit some of our churches in which we conducted several nights of services. Due to the extremely poor condition of many of the roads in the interior, I was advised against driving the car. For me, it was a new experience to travel by rural transit busses, with sacks of rice, chickens, ducks, young pigs and other produce, which was being taken to or from markets all packed together with men, women and children. As the busses careened madly down the rough roads, with horns loudly blasting, one could view flocks; herds and groups of chickens, ducks, goats, dogs and children as they went scuttling for shelter in the midst of the discordant intermingling of cackles, quacks, grunts, barks and yells. Interesting, did you say? That is putting it mildly. We have received ample evidence that life need never get dull for the American missionary in the Philippines.

The church that served as host to the convention delegates is located in the small settlement, or barrio, of Atoc, approximately, sixteen kilometers from the nearest town and entirely dependent upon a large river for transportation and communication between the two places. We rented a long, flat-bottomed boat with small motor bolted to the back end and proceeded rather slowly upstream. It rained quite heavily, at times, during the afternoon and evening; but, fortunately for us, we had a number of umbrellas in the party so succeeded in keeping dry. Arriving at the landing, about one mile from the church, after dark, we first of all removed our shoes and socks, so as to protect them, and then proceeded to make our way through mud and water. Two other boatloads had preceded us, making in all about seventy visiting delegates to the little church at Atoc. The ladies of the host church had prepared a warm meal of rice and other delectable foods for us, so we enjoyed a hearty meal. That night, I rested blissfully, on a comfortable army cot, in a curtained-off corner of a thatch-roofed native home.

GOD'S PRESENCE WAS graciously manifested during each service of the three-days' convention, so we were more than repaid for any inconveniences which we experienced on the way. Eleven souls were saved and six were baptized in water. Many received a healing touch in their bodies. All were blessed and encouraged in the Lord. The ministers met to pray about, and discuss together, plans for the promotion and expansion of the work. The Spirit of God was present during these periods of deliberation, and we sought His guidance in all things. Our students from the Bible School took an active part in the services and recommended the school highly to others. An offering of well over 100 pesos was received for the school. One of the high lights of the convention was a special service in which ten of our young people were promoted in the ministry, either as Exhorters or Licensed Ministers. As these young people assembled about the altar, praying earnestly before God, we were conscious of the power of God and the presence of the Son and Holy Ghost. We believe, too, that members of the angelic throng were present and looked, with

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The Regions Just Beyond

By E. RAY KIRK



WHEN OUR ATTENTION is directed to the "regions beyond," usually, we begin thinking of lands and people much farther away than the small islands in the Atlantic Ocean known as the British West Indies; but these islands off which so little is known, are in great need and offer the Church of God many opportunities for missions work.

While modern means of transportation and communication have shrunk the size of our planet and laid all the rest of the world at our doorstep, it has laid the people of these island lands on our doorstep. In just a few minutes' time from our shores, we can find ourselves in the midst of people of varied national backgrounds and equally varied cultures. Certain conditions are in evidence everywhere we go; for example, the masses are shackled by poverty, illiteracy and superstition. These shackles are strengthened by overpopulation that is predominately of the Negro race which were brought to the islands as slaves from Africa. Slavery has long since been abolished, but the influence of African culture and religion has been left on almost the entire population. Many are anxious for a better way of life, but it is difficult for them to get a foothold with which to propel themselves into something better.

The romanticism and history of the islands are known around the world. Christopher Columbus discovered the New World here and spent a good portion of his last days on these islands. His mortal remains are supposed to rest in a copper casket in the Most Holy Cathedral in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. Henry Morgan, the buccaneer, and Lord Nelson, the English naval hero, together with a host of others, have left their history-making footprints in these islands.

Some say industrialization will solve the religious, political, and economic problems, but we believe that it is the gospel of Jesus Christ that will bring revival and hope to these people and provide the foundation for building a way of life that will help to solve the preexisting problems. "How shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14, 15.

Let us review some of our missionary accomplishments on these islands and then embrace present opportunities there. Let us acquire and cultivate a vision of lasting accomplishments rather than a spontaneous, sympathetic interest that will be in need of periodic renewal.

From time to time, during the last several years, we have heard rumors that our missions money is being wasted and unwisely spent, and that in spite of great reports, we had nothing permanent, in most of the fields, to show for our sacrifices and efforts. I had, for some time, wanted to visit some of our missions

fields and see missions work, actually, being done and view our accomplishments. My desire materialized a few months ago, and I visited four of the countries on three of the Islands of the West Indies where the Church of God is established; namely, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica. The island overseers, Antonio Collazo, William D. Alton, Wayne Hell, and Preston F. Taylor, each welcomed us very graciously and accommodated us by using every available minute to show us the work in their respective fields and obliged by answering our limitless questions. Their hospitality to us, along with the everyday efforts they are making, will not be overlooked by the Giver of just rewards.

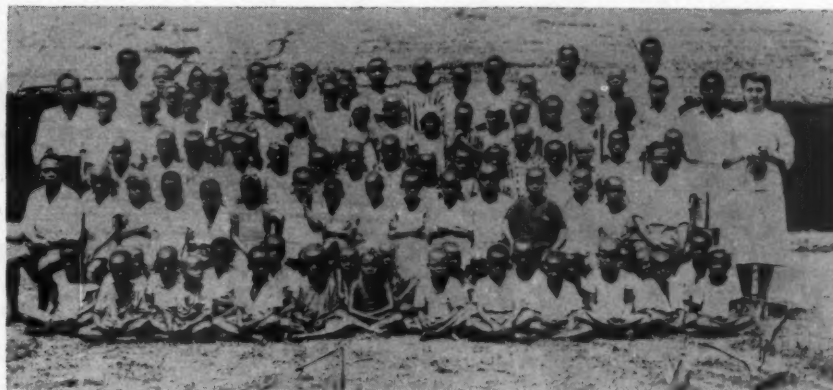
OUR MISSIONARIES, both American and native, regardless of the capacity in which they are serving, are worthy of our highest praise and fullest cooperation. The Church in the homeland can be justly proud of them and their work. The same can be said of many of our former workers in the islands who have since returned to the States. Some of the latter group have left monuments of their work that will long endure in the hearts, lives, and minds of the island people.

From a missionary's beginning in the Bahama Islands in 1910, with a party of only five, which included a native couple, we now have almost 50,000 members and almost 600 ministers in about 500 churches; and the number is continually being augmented by additions, organization, and amalgamations. Under the diplomatic overseership of the island overseers, and other administrative officers, the Church is favorably recognized by the several civil Governments. In Haiti, we have not only a Bible School, but a number of day schools under the direction of James M. Beaty, Educational Director of Haiti. These schools are doing a fine job in a land where ninety-two per cent of the people are illiterate. In addition to this, Brother Wayne Hell, former overseer of Haiti, was able to get an act passed by the Haitian Legislature whereby we can import materials and supplies, duty-free, which will be the means of saving the Church a considerable sum annually. Brother Hell has also been instrumental in the construction of a missions compound, composed of overseer's home, educational director's home, secretary's home, school administration building and other incidental buildings. It is located on one of the most beautiful and imposing sites on the island. It will be completed at from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent of its value in the United States.

We have a somewhat similar setup in Jamaica: Brother David L. Lemons bought property for the Missions Department and organized the Evangelical Institute in Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., during his overseership there. This school was later disbanded and the property sold.

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- NIGERIA -



Sister Mooneyham and the teachers and students at Uruk Ata Ikot Esemín day school.

BROTHER MOONEYHAM WRITES:

"We are serving a wonderful God who gives us victory after victory, love and compassion, zeal and enthusiasm.

"We, here in Nigeria, have not been sitting still. Every day is filled with new experiences and adventures. We are moving steadily along, and God is crowning our efforts with results. It usually takes longer in the laying of a foundation of a house, accordingly, than it does to put up the structure; but, once the foundation is laid, it is not long before the building can be seen.

"It is amazing how God has worked in the hearts of the Bible School students. They hardly seem like the same group of men that I worked with when we first arrived. God has transformed the lives of many of them during Bible School. Their preaching and pastoral ability is not to be compared with what it was a year ago. My heart rejoices to see the spiritual growth. At the end of this term of school, when the ministers can spend all their time in their churches, I am looking forward to great things. Even now, in many of our churches, there is a revival spirit; and things are well on the advance.

"I baptized twelve in water last month, and there are several churches that are desiring to be accepted into the Church of God. Our greatest need is **WORKERS**. I want to see Nigeria filled with Churches of God, but, in order to do this, we are going to have to have more missionaries. I cannot possibly answer half the requests. Above all things, for this coming year we need more personnel.

"Recently, we have closed an evangelistic campaign here at the village where the mission station is located. I borrowed a public address system for the meetings. There is no difficulty in getting a thousand in attendance at a service, even far out in the country where we are

located. In the larger villages congregations range up to five thousand and beyond. In one service, at least seven hundred came forward for salvation. It has been impossible to deal with them individually, so we have to pray for them in mass and leave the results to God. I have never seen people as anxious to accept God as these. The next thing they need is a terrific amount of teaching. Nigeria is ripe for the gospel. Will not the Church of God send forth laborers into the harvest?

"Within less than fifty miles of us, there is a tribe that does not yet have the gospel. Only the Catholic Church and another nominal church are located there. I want to make a survey of the possibilities of establishing some work in this territory. Also, the British Cameroons, two hundred miles northeast of us, have been on my heart for some time and I plan to make a survey into this area soon. Last week I received another letter from the other side of Calabar. The people want us to make haste and see to the work that has already been started there.

"This morning, Sister Mooneyham and I went to one of our smaller churches for regular service, and, at the close of the meeting as we were starting out of the church, a woman came and knelt before Sister Mooneyham for prayer. Before she finished praying there were at least fifty kneeling before her. God bless these people who are so eager for God's help.

"We have seen such a tremendous need that it is impossible for us to slaken the pace; we must speed it up. Besides teaching our children at home, Sister Mooneyham has begun this year by teaching the day school students, 120 of them, once each week from the flannelboard. We have five districts, and she is visiting, speaking and encouraging the women in each of these at their regular monthly meetings.

Missions Mar

OUR GOAL BETWE

ASSEMBLIES - \$1,500

Steeped in superstition and idolatry, this heathen man dances to eternal darkness and death, to a Christless grave.



*Mask Dancer
Chichicastenango
Guatemala*

WHY? Because he never heard. HOW can he hear unless we can he preach except he be sent? HOW can he be saved? This is the HOW and the WHY of evangelism.

Keep the fire kindled. Satan must no longer will dare to do things for Him and the Church. Doors are opened that must be entered. God send me." If we give, they can go. The heathen will not, sit idly by.

We have confidence in you, God's Church. Between General Assemblies (twice a year) keep the temperature in the thermometer of regular reports.

Church of God missions are reaching 600,000 national certified workers and hundreds of thousands of elementary schools, 138,000 members out of 1,000,000 members which print the *Evangel* in several languages. It is a mere beginning.

There are 1,789 languages without a single Bible. 750 million went into eternity untouched by the Gospel. 44 million each year, and we are not making any headway without a gospel witness. Arabia with 7 million Christians. There are 400 million more who were a generation ago. *Missions must make progress.*

Missionaries must be supported. There are 1,000,000 for the Lost must be printed. Transportation must be built. Lots as well as donkeys and mules must be sponsored; educational centers must be met.

The Missions Department is prepared to sponsor one. The department can give financial aid designated.

If you want God's best for your life, work for the

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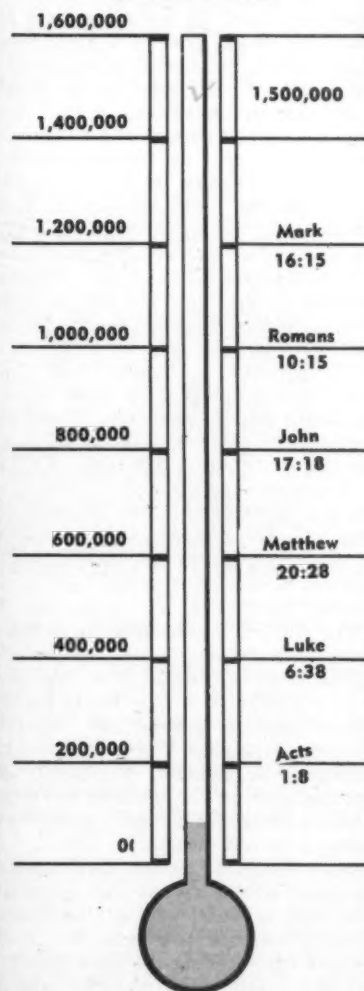
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REVIVAL FIRES IN CUBA

By HOYLE and MILDRED CASE

The Pentecostal revival fire is blazing in our churches and in our lives here in Cuba. We truly praise God for this. It is far above what was expected.

We had been praying for some time for our convention that God would give us a great one and that the work here would be strengthened. And thanks be to God, He heard and answered in our behalf! On the day before the convention started, a good group of humble and sincere believers met at the church at three o'clock in the morning to pray for the convention. In this prayer service God marvelously blessed and gave us the assurance of victory.

The first day of the convention was held in Cristo, and it was a wonderful day! The people prepared dinner for all, so we just stayed at the church all day and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. On the second day, the convention was held in Santiago where the sisters also prepared a fine dinner for the delegates. At the ten o'clock service, the program was entirely in the hands of the young people. The church was filled with young people, and they had a very good service, giving the older people a real inspiration to back them in their enthusiastic efforts for Christ. Our young people, with their initiative, talent, enthusiasm, and consecration to God, are one of the best groups we have ever worked with.

Brother and Sister Gomez were a great blessing in the services. He is pastor of our new church in Trinidad, and certainly blessed us with his good preaching, singing and playing. Brother A. W. Brummett, Superintendent of the West Indies, highlighted the convention with his good comprehensive spirit and wonderful preaching at the evening services. Although he has not been able to visit us very often, the people really love and appreciate him and his devoted interest and understanding in the work. We were fortunate, indeed, to have Brother Molina, our missionary in Habana, accompany Brother Brummett and translate in the evening services. Several other visiting missionaries from other denominations also added a blessing to our hearts.

We built a baptistery in the church here, and had our first baptismal service during the convention. Eleven followed the Lord in water baptism, including Brother and Sister Cortes, who are now members of our church and who are earnestly seeking the Holy Ghost. They are well prepared and consecrated workers, and they are now opening a new work for us in Sancti Spiritus.

The last service was the greatest of all. God sent a real outpouring during Brother Brummett's message, and the altar filled with earnest seekers. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost which was the first outpouring of the



**"CHARLES AND CHARLESIE" MEMORIAL BUILDING
IN ESTELI, NICARAGUA, CENTRAL AMERICA**

The money for this memorial building was given by Brother and Sister C. B. Johnson, of Atlanta, Georgia. Brother and Sister Johnson are regular contributors to the foreign missions work and have been for many years. This is the fifth memorial building that has been built by these dear people. In addition to this, they have given many dollars for postage to send clothing and literature to our Church of God missionaries throughout the world.

This should be a challenge for us to join the ranks in this crusade for Christ in heathen lands.

May God bless Brother and Sister Johnson. "Great will be their reward in Heaven."

4,000 HEAR THE GOSPEL ON SUNDAY IN ANGOLA

Sister Stark writes in her monthly report: "We are happy to report that more than 4,000 people are now hearing the gospel every Sunday and almost every day. This is among the heathen who have never heard the gospel."

Baptism in this church, but it was not the last, for several have received the blessing since that night, and the church continues to gather early every morning for prayer meetings; several have lasted until noon.

Cuba is very close to the States, yet quite neglected by many praying Christians. With much prayer, consecrated effort and backing, this glorious message and blessing can be carried throughout this Island, not only by the missionaries but by the Cubans, until our Church will be strong in this land which is full of Catholicism and Theosophy (Hinduism in modern dress or disguise).

This summer we are planning a Bible School for training these young people in the work of God on this Island. Please pray for this great work.

BRAZILIAN BEGINNINGS . . .



Workers that Attended the short term Bible School in Pires do Rio, Goias, Brazil

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation, Isaiah 60:22.

January 1, 1918 is a significant date for the educational division of the Church of God. It was on that day that the first Bible School in the United States was born. To the Church of God in Brazil, April 10, 1956 is also a significant date, for it was on that day that the first Bible School of any type for the Church of God on Brazilian territory began. There were only thirteen students (one more than the beginning class of Bible Training School) all of whom are recognized ministers in the Church of God. They met, however, to study the Word of God and to sharpen their swords for continued combat against the enemy.

Especially touching was the opening prayer when every knee was bowed and every heart earnestly asked God to make from this insignificant beginning a great institute from which young men from all over Brazil might learn the Word and return to the far too heavily laden fields of grain to reap the souls that have waited far too long. May God grant that prayer.

The school did not last a week. Since each student was the pastor of a local church, there was no opportunity to continue classes over the weekend. Train fares are so high that we could not call everyone back for another week. The chief purpose of the short-term Bible School this time was to acquaint the workers with more of the teachings, practices, government and principles of the Church of God and to help them combat the erroneous doctrines that are being spread fervishly all over the country. In my opinion, the school was a success.

As though it were providentially timed, when Bible School was on the minds, hearts and in the prayers of all the burdened Brazilian workers and missionaries, a real estate company donated, to the Church of God, a valuable tract of land, that might be used for a central Bible School for Brazil some day. Next year—perhaps. We have made a beginning.

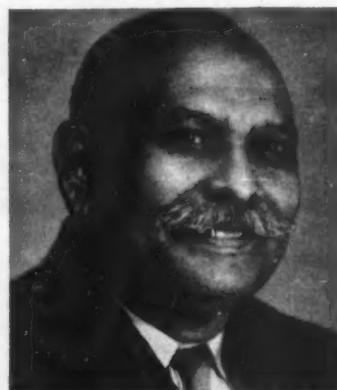
Brazil is growing. It is the challenge of the hour, for, as Brazil grows and develops into the important country of the hemisphere, the Church of God can grow with it to become the most important and most evangelistic Pentecostal church in the country. The time to expand is now, while Brazil is expanding. But expansion is im-

ANOTHER "LIGHTHOUSE" DEDICATED ON THE MISSION FIELD

During our convention, which was the best one we have ever had, we dedicated our new church building. Brother Brummett was present, and also some other visiting ministers, including Brother T. N. Ward and Brother John Adair. The Guest who participated most in the service was the blessed Holy Spirit.

The new church is constructed of cement and has beautiful white tile floors, a white and blue interior, venetian-style windows with stained glass, round neon lights, and a large, beautifully carved front door. We have new church pews and a new pulpit. The building will accommodate about two hundred people and it has been said that it looks like one of our churches in the States. By careful economy, Brother Molina constructed the building at a cost of \$3,000 for materials, with most of the labor donated.

We are thankful for the new church and are assured that it will be the place where many souls will come to know Christ. Please pray that God will give us a good harvest of soul-winners and workers for Him.—Lola Molina, Missionary, Havana, Cuba.



REV. EDWARD HASMATALI TRINIDAD

Brother Hasmatali, with his fine group on the Island of Trinidad, has united with the Church of God.

He brings with him many ministers and members and a considerable value in property.

Many of our brethren have visited Brother Hasmatali and his work, and hold him and his people in high esteem because of their zeal, sincerity, and soundness in doctrine.

possible without workers. Workers only come through faith, and faith comes through hearing. Hearing comes by the Word of God, rightly divided, as it is taught and proclaimed in Church of God Bible Schools.

Do pray with us that soon Brazil, which is larger than the U.S.A. in territory, will soon have a Bible School in which to train young people who can take Brazil for the Church of God.

By Wayne McAfee

CHILE

BAPTISMAL SCENES



The group that gathered for the service.



Baptismal Candidates



National workers baptizing the candidates

SOUTH AFRICA



MOBILE BIBLE SCHOOL

In the Bantu reservation in Africa, the Full Gospel Church of God operates what is known as a mobile Bible school under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Saayman.

The picture shows a group of students who attended the mobile school in the province of Natal on the east coast.

One of the leaders of the Bantu people in this area who is standing at the left of Brother Saayman, as you view the picture, and who is a leader among his own people writes the following:

"This picture was taken in Durban, in the Natal during our mobile Bible class conducted by Dr. J. H. Saayman. Indeed, I thought it would be good if I just send you this photograph to show you how much we Africans love to know the Word of God, and I can say that we are proud to have Dr. Saayman. His lessons have appealed to many of our African people who need knowledge of the will of the Word of God to help the others. You can see him beside me, and the European at his side is Brother N. J. Venter. (N. J. Venter is the secretary of the Full Gospel Church of God Missions Board in the Union of South Africa.)

"It has been three years since we started to have the mobile Bible courses once a year. Total students were 70 this year, as follows: third-year students, 32; second-year students, 15; first-year students, 23."—H. M. Mngadi.

This is just another sample of what God is doing through the representatives of the Church that are giving faithful service in the ripened harvest fields throughout the world.

NIGERIA



Bible school students. The teachers, S. O. Umoh, and T. D. Mooneyham are in front.

The closing service of the Ikot Oko convention. This is our newest district.



The Church of God Evangel

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN HAITI

Prepared for the Annual Convention and Congress
in Haiti, January 23-27, 1956

By WAYNE HEIL

1. Number of sermons preached	24,983
2. Number converted	8,834
3. Number sanctified	2,185
4. Number filled with Holy Ghost	1,796
5. Number baptized in water	969
6. Total members received for the year	1,069
7. Number lost by exclusion and death	410
8. Net gain	659
9. Total members in Haiti	8,984
10. Total number of churches	125
11. Number of Sunday Schools	137
12. Average attendance of Sunday School	8,338
13. Total offerings for Sunday School	\$2,295.46
14. Ordained ministers	4
15. Licensed ministers	11
16. Exhorters	13
17. Non-licensed ministers	91
18. Y.P.E.'s (reporting)	19
19. Average attendance Y.P.E.	777
20. Total Y.P.E. offerings	\$64.86

NOTE:

Rev. Wayne Heil was sent to Haiti for two years to build our school plant in Port-au-Prince. He accomplished the task, did an excellent work, and is now back in the States. He built a plant there that has an appraised value of approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000. This is "marvelous in our eyes" and we praise the Lord for it.

Brother James Beaty has returned to Haiti from his furlough and is now in the harness, hard at work as the overseer of Haiti and head of our educational program.

KUSTELS' CALL TO THE GILBERTS

Memories will linger long in the hearts of the people of Louisiana who were present at the time Brother and Sister Kustel received their call to the Gilbert Islands. The churches in Louisiana believed in this move of God and are to be credited as the first to rally to the fulfillment of the call, in that they supplied nearly \$2,000 as the initial effort in this behalf.

The youth of South Carolina, not a whit behind, came through with a \$2,000 contribution for Kustels' transportation to the heart of the Pacific.

Indiana joined the march by providing more than \$1,000 for a boat and motor that the gospel might be carried from island to island.

The dividends from these investments will be meted out on the golden shore.

God bless all the contributors for this cause and all the other causes for world evangelism.

Paul Searcy and family have taken their flight to Nigeria. Brother Searcy will serve as overseer of Nigeria during the furlough period of Brother T. D. Mooneyham.



A. W. Brummett, Superintendent of the West Indies,
and Family

The Brummetts have given many years of faithful service in the mission field, but this is the first time that their picture has been presented.

This man served as state youth director, assistant state overseer of West Virginia, pastored the largest churches in West Virginia, and pioneered the Church of God in the mountains of Tennessee, walking hundreds of miles in the snow and cold to fill his appointments.

Brother Brummett served as overseer of the Church in Hawaii, and also in Jamaica.

I am sure that our prayers are with him as he continues his work as superintendent of the West Indies.

FIRST GLIMPSES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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favor, upon the young people who humbly dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord.

The host pastor, Sister Catalina Cortez, and her group of consecrated members provided the food and sleeping accommodations for all of the visitors. There we saw, thankfully exhibited, the old-time spirit of Christian hospitality where the saints of God broke their bread and ate their rice "with gladness and singleness of heart."

From Atoc, we traveled about one day's journey by foot, boat and bus to our church which is located in the barrio of Barbarit, a town of Gattaran, Province of Cagayan. Our youth representatives and young people were scheduled to meet there for a two-days' national youth rally. Heavy rains greatly hindered the attendance but the church was packed and God graciously blessed in the services. Our Church of God young people in the Philippines are to be commended for the good work they are doing. Their zeal, consecration and enthusiasm, bespeaks for them a great future in the various departments of our evangelistic and educational program.

Now, back in Manila, after a journey of over 1500 Kilometers by plane, fourteen different rural-transit busses, three different motor boats and one ferry plus at least 10 kilometers by foot, I am catching up on my correspondence, giving my personal attention to matters of business in the city and taking my place as head and father of the home.

Remember us in your prayers as we labor on in this field of His choice.



NEW PARSONAGE OF THE FOWLER STREET CHURCH OF GOD, NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Brother Odine Wolff and his church are to be highly complimented for the construction of this fine parsonage.

Fowler Street Church is self-supporting. They purchased a fine Hammond organ and built this parsonage without help from the Missions Board, and they accomplished it in, approximately, two years.

THE REGIONS JUST BEYOND

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However, the need for facilities for training native personnel had been recognized, and the desire for such training by young workers had been aroused. Since then an abandoned resort hotel, with thirty acres of land, has been purchased for the Jamaica School of Theology. It has been renovated and remodeled, and it is now serving in the training of native workers. The island schools of which these are typical, if not somewhat outstanding, will soon be providing trained native workers to help carry on an expansion program that can be colossal.

We returned to the States satisfied that our dollars are doing more for God and His Church in the West Indies than they are doing here at home, but we are not unmindful of the fact that the loyalty and co-operation of the Church at home makes all of these things possible. We also returned with a determination to try to help our people get that lasting vision of missions in its broadest sense. We feel that the administration of our work, from the General Board right down through the ranks to the newest native worker, is in capable hands. We are persuaded that our Missions Board will continue to conscientiously expend our missions funds in the best interest of the Church and to the glory of God.

My brief trip through these islands reveals that what to the pleasure-bent tourist is "the land of enchantment," is to the Church of God, "the land of opportunity."

Let us remember that Christ alone can save the world but that Christ cannot save the world alone.

THE CHALLENGE OF JAPAN

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ful missionaries. Brother and Sister Hell have won their ways into the hearts of the Japanese and are held in high esteem by the missionaries of other denominations. They have built a nice church and parsonage which is accepted as one of the best Pentecostal buildings in Japan. It is not large or extravagant, but is well built and beautiful and is a monument to their sacrifice and ingenuity. There are other missions that are expected to develop into churches that will be links in the gospel chain as it slowly, but surely, encircles this needy nation.

Brother and Sister Stevens of Atlanta, Georgia, will be going out soon to help them. Their consecrated and talented help added to the enthusiastic and dedicated zeal of the Hells bespeaks only progress for our work among the Japanese.

Let us join in prayer for our missionary personnel that God's blessings shall attend their efforts for Christ and His Church and that through their ministries many of the lost will be brought into the Kingdom before the eternal harvest is finally reaped, for the sun will soon be setting on the "Land of the Rising Sun," and darkness will envelope it like a curtain that drops to the stage floor, hiding the actors from view. What will they answer when the Judge of all the earth calls the roll? No doubt, they will stand in awe and speechlessness when it dawns upon them that a centuries-old hoax of Satan has led them to an irrevocable fate. What a bitter and mournful wail will emanate from the very souls of multiplied millions of Japanese when they see the saints of all ages enter into the gates of pearl while they are refused admittance—refused because millions of so-called Christians have refused to sacrifice time, talent, and financial aid that more missionaries could go into this land. God grant that none that read this account will stand condemned on that day for their selfishness in withholding from these perishing people the Bread of Life that would give them an abundant entrance into that shining celestial city.

SYVERSON

In April 9, 1956, issue of the *Macedonian Call*, there was an error in reporting the number of members Brother Syverson had in El Salvador. Listed below are the statistics:

36 churches
45 mission stations
2,000 members
505 ministers and workers

MY WORK

*Lord, let me not die until I've done for Thee
My earthly work, whatever it may be.
Call me not hence with mission unfulfilled;
Let me not leave my space of ground untilled;
Impress this truth upon me that not one
Can do my portion that I leave undone.*

Author Unknown



Reports, promotional ideas, and human interest stories giving emphasis in behalf of foreign missions, are sincerely solicited.

FOREIGN MISSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is a State of which we are extremely proud, not only because it is beautiful for its scenery, but also because the folk love the Church of God. They enjoy old-time services, good straight preaching, good singing and music and good fellowship, and they are deeply interested in seeing that the program of the Church is put over. The missions vision has been awakened by the visits of Brother Horton and Brother Owens, whose sincerity and love of missions has endeared them to the folk of Pennsylvania. We appreciate Brother Walker who has sponsored new projects and who is doing his best to promote the great cause. As the mission caravan moves along the way, it is daily gaining momentum.

We always found our ministers eager to accept these missions speakers who came our way, and the results of their visits were most gratifying.

Pennsylvania, we believe, was the first state to start the monthly rallies, under the leadership of Brother David N. Lykens, who served for nine years as the state youth director. These rallies proved a blessing in that souls were saved. A spirit of cooperation was aroused on the different districts, and we raised \$5,624.86 in offerings for 1955 in the rallies.

The three leading churches in the State were as follows:

Lebanon—\$751.96—D. DeFino, Pastor
Williamsburg—\$720.17—D. N. Lykens, Pastor
Somerset—\$702.17—J. E. Bell, Pastor

The Williamsburg District with D. N. Lykens, District Overseer, was the leading district, raising \$441.58 over that of the Somerset District which came in second.

The Saxton Church with George Horton, pastor, has sponsored the greatest number of projects outside of our State program for missions. At present his church is supporting five native missionaries, and he has sent money several times when appeals were made to help our mission stations where disaster had struck.

On our check-up sheet from General Headquarters we have found numerous contributions coming from folk in and around Lebanon, some that we do not know. This is certainly appreciated. We have many of our small churches that have gone all out for missions and have really given more per capita than some of our larger churches. The missions cause is certainly catching fire in the Keystone State; for this, we give thanks unto the Lord.

CONSECRATED GIVING



Ruth Culberson and Ruby Breed

Sisters Ruth Culberson and Ruby Breed, of Hogansville, Georgia, have given \$22 a month for over a year for a national worker in India. These two girls are factory workers earning small wages, but with their vision for missions they count it a privilege to sacrifice that the gospel may go forth to foreign fields.



Pastor Earl P. Paulk, Jr. and Church Council with Constituents of the Hemphill Avenue Church in Atlanta, Georgia, Support Missionary to Japan.

"It is the plan of our church to support the Stevens in the mission field. Already we are raising funds toward this cause. They will be missed here, but we feel that God has a great work for them to do in Japan."—Earl P. Paulk, Jr.



I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work, St. John 9:4.

AS WE READ and study God's Word, we find that Jesus was always about His Father's business from His childhood until His death at Calvary. Every moment of His time was used to do the works of His omnipotent Father. Hours before the sun rose He would find some convenient place to hide away and pray to His Father for power and strength for the day. What a wonderful world this would be if others would follow His example.

We are living in days of peril; men are becoming more wicked. It is the time when the love of many is waxing cold because of iniquity. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are happening on the earth.

Today we need to be about our Father's business. People by the thousands go into eternity each day without ever having the witness of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Truly, today is the day when men and women need to be awakened from their slumbers. We must get off the chair of do-nothing, stop singing the tune of do-less and start working for God because the night of sin is fast closing in. We do not have long to work before Jesus will split the skies and take His weary children back to glory where there will never be another tear of sorrow.

We need to stir up the "gift that is within us" and win lost souls for our Lord. God is still calling today for willing workers who will deny themselves to work in

His vineyard. Now is the time when the gospel message needs to be preached to the heathen nations. The Macedonian call still rings out for workers to carry this blessed gospel of our Lord to every tongue, tribe and nation. Why should we hear the gospel story over and over when there are those waiting to hear it for the first time? We who talk full gospel need to act full gospel. We must carry the gospel of deliverance to those who are bound by sin and superstition. They need to be set free by the blood of Christ. If Christian people would get a greater vision for the lost, thousands upon thousands would be born into the everlasting kingdom of God. As children of God, we should make intercession for the sinner who is lost.

If we see a man do that which is not right and we fail to warn that man of his condition, his blood shall be required of our hands. But, who is going to be responsible for the countless numbers of souls who have gone out into eternity without ever having heard of Christ? If a person does not have a burden for the lost, his Christian experience is lacking. God grant that we get this burden before we have to stand before Him and give an account of the deeds which we have done.

Today, God is calling those who love Him to go into the highways and byways and bring in those who have gone astray. He wants people who are not ashamed to speak His Name, to bear reproach or to suffer for Him if the need arises.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," St. John 4:35.

—By Jack Trapp